

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MANAMA 00981 241446Z

46/21

ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-06 ISO-00 AF-04 EA-06 IO-10 DLOS-03

EB-07 CIAE-00 H-01 INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 AID-05 NSCE-00 SSO-00

USIE-00 INRE-00 SAB-01 SAM-01 NIC-01 OMB-01 /094 W

----- 096057

O 241110Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE 1668

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IRAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

COMIDEASTFOR IMMEDIATE

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK IMMEDIATE

COMSEVENTHFLT IMMEDIATE

DOD WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE

CNO WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T MANAMA 0981

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (AMEMBASSY TEHRAN OMITTED ON ORIGINAL)

KUWAIT PASS DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MPOL, PFOR, CENTO, US, BA

SUBJECT : PERSIAN GULF EXCURSION

REF : STATE 257818

1. ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL I INFORMED GOB FOREIGN
MINISTER CONFIDENTIALLY MORNING NOVEMBER 24 OF CONSTELLATION
EXCURSION INTO GULF.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION GOB'S BEING
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MANAMA 00981 241446Z

INFORMED AND INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF ROUTINE OPERATIONAL

PURPOSE OF VISIT. HE SAID WE, AND GOB, MUST ANTICIPATE THAT ONCE FACT IS KNOWN, CONSTELLATION'S ENTRY INTO GULF WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL MANNER OF DISTORTED INTERPRETATIONS BUT THAT GOB ACCEPTS THIS AS FACT OF LIFE AND CAN LIVE WITH IT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS FOR CONSTELLATION TO "ANCHOR ANYWHERE" OR MAKE ANY SORT OF PORT CALL IN GULF. HE EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT NOTHING OF THIS SORT WAS PLANNED. HE SAID GOB HOPES TO SEE "NORMAL" SITUATION SOMEDAY IN WHICH VISIT OF MAJOR U.S. COMBATANT SHIP SUCH AS CONSTELLATION TO THE GULF STATES WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND WELCOME INDICATION OF U.S. INTEREST IN THE AREA. HE CONTINUED THESE ARE NOT "NORMAL TIMES" IN THE GULF AND THAT A CALL BY CONSTELLATION HERE OR ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA WOULD AT PRESENT CAUSE FAR MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT IS WORTH. (COMMENT: LIKE OTHER TOP GOB OFFICIALS, FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNED AT PRESENT WITH WHAT HE PERCEIVES AS DANGER OF POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND ARAB OIL PRODUCERS OVER ENERGY MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY ANY IMPLICATION USG CONTEMPLATING USE OF MILITARY FORCE TO RESOLVE ENERGY PROBLEMS. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES, IN TALKING WITH US AT LEAST, ARE CAREFUL TO ATTRIBUTE IMPLICATION THAT U.S. MIGHT CONSIDER USE OF FORCE TO "IRRESPONSIBLE WESTERN JOURNALISTS", ASSERTING THEIR PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT USG WOULD CERTAINLY NOT EVEN CONSIDER SUCH AN IMPRUDENT AND MORALLY INDEFENSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION. END COMMENT).

TWINAM

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, SHIP MOVEMENTS, NAVAL SHIPS, USS CONSTELLATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: KelleyW0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MANAMA00981
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740341-0133
From: MANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741116/aaaaange.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 257818
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <26 MAR 2003 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: : PERSIAN GULF EXCURSION
TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, US, BA, CENTO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005